Appomattox County . . .

Yesterday And Today

By Paul Ghioto

With spring and the month of June safely behind us, the most "heart-rendering" season of the year has passed. The period no doubt took its toll of emotions as local lovers experienced graduations, engagements, marriages, cross-country moves, summer camp and/or out-of-town work assignments - all designed to help the "heart grow fonder".

Having been recently forced to hear read aloud the contents of a letter written long ago in a complete state of amorous irresponsibility, this writer dug into the files for an appropriate historically-related item. The following letter was written by local resident John Marshall Steptoe in March of 1861 and except for a few names, places and events could have been written yesterday by anyone afflicted with the eternal fever of "love".

"Vita Militia Lucile" exclaims a Roman moralist, my dear Hamie, life is a wayfare. Did you know how worse than torture has been my disappointment in seeing you before I left, you would acknowledge that I have had a painful experience of the truth of my quotation that "life is a wayfare". Why was it that things should so happen that you should be from home just at the very time I had succeeded in getting business and the only time that I could have for seeing you. I must confess that before I got to the Depot I had some foreboding that you would not be at home although I knew nothing of the fact that there was to be a second wedding at which you were expected as one of the waiters. I knew the first came off on 13th and that if nothing else detained, you would be absent and that I would have to leave without seeing you, and when I reflect that I had been at home five weeks or more and have seen you only once I am sorely grieved. But circumstances have been such as to make it reasonable and I feel assured that what is reasonable will always find a logement with you. That it is reasonable will appear from these facts -- I had settled down to the belief that I would in virtue of necessity spend my entire Spring and Summer at home and that I would see you frequently and hence thought I would not repeat my visit until after your return from the wedding, but just about the time you left for Liberty I heard of this place and immediately wrote here. A few days afterward I received a reply giving me encouragement to appoint a day when we should meet and have an interview concerning the school, and while I could have appointed a time earlier by four days agreeable to the request of the parties concerned that I should meet them as soon as possible, I declined doing so solely for the purpose of giving you time to get home so that I might see you as it would likely be my only opportunity as I felt certain that I would succeed and am now engaged in my school. The contract was signed last Saturday and Monday I commenced the school. I would have written before but thought it best to give you time to get home, and even now I don't know but that this will find you absent, staying I have determined to run the chances. If you are absent I suppose it will be forwarded without being broken open by Bob or by your sister as mine are frequently done at home in my absence to ascertain whether they require any immediate action. But as you are not in the habit of getting business letters suppose I need entertain no apprehension of this. I am sorry I did not see you as I had my degereotype and the little knife I promised you. I will not send the degereotype until I hear from you and know where to send it. I had it taken in a small case such as you requested. My dear Hamie because I have seen you but little don't conclude that I think of you but little, my thoughts of you are my chief source of happiness. Your dear image I carry everyday next to my heart and your sweet letters I read continually, some of which contain sentiments which must come from a heart as noble as it is pure. When I cease to think of you it would be but just that my God should cease to care for me. How did you enjoy yourself at the weddings? much I hope. Did you break the hearts of any the young men, 'Twas cruel if you did wasn't it? How comes the dyspepsia, that cruel, cruel disease. I sincerely hope when you write you can say you are enjoying fine health. Good by, good by, **good by, lady that I love**, good by.

My P. O. will be Clover Hill, Appomattox Co., Va.

Yours for ever,
Jno. M. Steptoe

Next week: J.M.S. Joins the Army.

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The Gospel Four To Hold Anniversary

The local Gospel Four of Appomattox will hold their first anniversary this Sunday evening at 7 p.m. at the Galilee Baptist Church. Several local musical groups have been invited to take a part in the program. The general public is cordially invited to be present.

Impressive services were held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The service was given for the benefit of the widows of the church. Music was rendered by the senior choir of the church. Several visitors attended the service. The pastor of the church delivered the message.

All members of the Appomattox Assembly are asked to attend the final meeting next Wednesday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Middle School. Reports from the state meeting will be given by the delegates who attended.

Plans are completed for the anniversary celebration of the Galilee Senior Choir to be held on the third Sunday evening in July at 3 p.m. Several local choirs have been invited to take a part in the program.

A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral services for the late William E. Lewis, at the Springfield Baptist Church last Monday evening at 4 p.m. The pastor of the church, Rev. J. P. Rose, delivered the eulogy. He was assisted in the service by the Reverends J. P. Paige and R. Q. Lawing. Music was furnished by the senior choir and friends of the family. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Stath Statham who was accompanied by her husband, from Baltimore, Md. The deceased was the oldest son of the late Deacon Mace Lewis and Mrs. Martha Janes Lewis. He was the husband of Mrs. Irma Pankey Lewis. The floral designs were in large numbers. Burial was held in the family plot on the church cemetery. West Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The following members attended the State meeting of the Assembly in Petersburg last Saturday: Mrs. O. W. Smith and daughter, Miss Lillie Holcomb, Mrs. Louise Harvey, Rev. A. B. Jones and Rev. R. Q. Lawing. They reported a very helpful and informative trip and meeting.

The annual revival and homecoming will be held at the Morning Star Baptist Church on the second Sunday in July, beginning with the 11 a.m. service. The afternoon service will be conducted by the Rev. Raymond Turner and his choir from the St. Mark Baptist Church of Amherst. The evangelist for the week will be the Rev. Roger Ford of Amherst. Members and friends are asked to attend and are welcome.

A large crowd of relatives & friends attended the funeral service for the late Mrs. Dora Scruggs Petty at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Friday at 4 p.m. The pastor of the church officiated and delivered the eulogy. Music was rendered by a choir of friends. Mrs. Ann Fleshman served as musician. The floral designs were in large numbers. Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Burial was held in the church cemetery.

Beckham

JUNE 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pass and boys, Jase and Allen, of McGregor, Texas, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Lee and Miss Eunice Martin and other relatives. Visiting in this home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Drinkard and Kim, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, Mr. and Mrs. David Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Moore, Jr., Mr. Robert Morris, Melanie Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin. Mr. Abner Martin, of Richmond, is spending some time in this home.

Mr. Ricky Burge was honored with a birthday supper at his home Thursday evening. Relatives were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Guill visited Mr. H. O. Martin Sunday.

Mr. Gibbs Martin and Mr. Alfred Martin are visiting Mrs. Gibbs Martin in Lynchburg General Hospital today.

Mrs. Robert Morris, Melanie Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burcher, Michael Burcher and Mrs. Mary Jane Burcher Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge visited Mrs. Henry Burge in Lynchburg General Hospital

Rocks

JUNE 30 - Rain is badly needed around here.

Raymond Dickerson was operated on at Lynchburg General Hospital last Monday. A speedy recovery is wished him.

Mrs. Barbara Ratliff and Pat, of Florida, arrived Tuesday to visit the former's son, Eugene, who is in Lynchburg General Hospital from a motorcycle accident. He was operated on Wednesday. A speedy recovery is wished him.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Elder, of Radford, arrived Wednesday evening to be guests of relatives here for a few days.

Toby Inge entered Virginia Baptist Hospital Thursday. A speedy recovery is wished him.

Congratulations to Mrs. Louise Shelton, of Pamplin, who won a free trip for three days to Myrtle Beach, S.C. last week.

A number left Sunday on vacation for a few days.

You missed a lot Sunday night by not hearing a medley of organ music by our church organist. Miss Christine Dickerson.

Mrs. Barbara Ratliff and Pat left Sunday for Florida after visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore and the former's son, Eugene, who is in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Don't forget next Sunday a special offering will be taken as a "World Hunger Offering."

The cannery at Pamplin will open on Tuesday.

The "4th of July Spectacular" at Rocks will begin Friday at 9 a.m. with breakfast and throughout the day. You will have good Christian fellowship. Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Morris, Melanie Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burcher, Michael Burcher and Mrs. Mary Jane Burcher Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge visited Mrs. Henry Burge in Lynchburg General Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Morris, Melanie Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Martin and Mrs. O. W. Martin Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. John Moore visited Mr. Martin Monday.

Charlotte Moore and Rhonda Kay Moore are visiting Mrs. H. C. Moore this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Don Wagner were visiting Toby Inge at Virginia Baptist Hospital Thursday night.

Congratulations to Rev. W. H. Elder, who won an azalea from Superior Trees Nursery on Saturday.

The Rocks Quartet went to Waynesboro Saturday night to furnish a musical program.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Almond, of Monterey, Va., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond, of Appomattox, and attended services at Rocks on Sunday.

Raymond Dickerson returned home Friday from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Spud Almond were visiting the latter's father at Virginia Baptist Hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore and son, Bernard, are back from Connecticut. Bernard left Saturday for Texas after a visit here.

Phillip Inge, of ... was here over the ... visit his father, who ... hospital.

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...n Places In State Track Meet

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...ame in 6th in the mile run with twelve competing ... He came in 3rd in the qualifying event held on ... C. Glass High School. He says he looks forward to ...d next year and we wish him luck.

Winners In Junior Tournament

On Wednesday, June 25 Falling River Country Club sponsored a golf tournament for boys 15 years of age and under. Sixteen boys participated in the 18-hole event.

Winners in the Junior Tournament are shown above, left to right: Championship Flight - Andy Wingfield, 1st place; and Freddie Mitchell, 2nd place. First Flight - Frankie Tanner, 1st place; and Richard Guill, 2nd place; and in the Second Flight - Steve Cobb, 1st place; and Dwayne Scruggs, 2nd place.

Skin Cancer Can Be Cured - If Detected And Treated Early

...e out having fun under the sun, ...m for other reasons, never give a thought to skin ...

...derstandable," said Dr. C. G. ...sident of the Appomattox ... of the American Cancer Society. ... pointed out that the Cancer ... that "an excess of strong ... and again, could invite skin ...

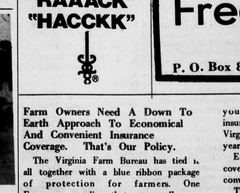
...s to day, "Why not have your ... small doses. If you love to sit ... needn't be overly concerned ...ver if you'll just take your sun ...

...s in moderation and with ... the form of skin lotion, a ...hat and clothing that covers ... parts of your body. Avoid ...exposure when the sun's rays are most intense.

"This advice," said Dr. O'Brien, "is not only for those who play in the sun, but for those who work in the sun or simply enjoy its warmth for a few vacation weeks every year. It is also for those who have fair skin and light hair or are senior citizens."

Dr. O'Brien noted that the early warning signals of skin cancer are "A sore that does not heal, a change in size or color of a wart or mole." He advised, "If you should find a symptom, see your physician as soon as possible. Don't doctor it yourself or hope it will go away. Skin cancer is highly curable if detected and treated in time."

Why not heed the rules of smart sunmanship and make this a happy and healthy summer-under-the-sun? Take the American Cancer Society's advice and make your sunshine cue, "don't overdo!"



...TH WIN FOR MAYBERRY BROTHERS

On Sunday, June 29 Ted Kehrer won the modified race and Allen Mayberry of Appomattox won sportsman race at National Bridge Speedway taking the checkered flag for the fourth time this season. Mayberry says that he is trying for point championship. He expresses his gratitude to the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Lynchburg, Pennzoil Oil Company of Lynchburg, J. S. Bryant Trucking Company of Concord and Appomattox Auto Supply for their support this year.

APPOMATTOX SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

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Lawson Ford	14	2
NAPA	12	4
Amoco Car Wash	10	5
Best Furniture Co.	11	6
Hilltoppers	8	10
Thomasville #2	3	11
Appo. Baptist Temple	4	13
Thomasville #1	3	14

Results Last Week
Thomasville #1, 12 - Hilltoppers, 11
NAPA, 15 - Thomasville #2, 9
Amoco Car Wash, 8 - Lawson Ford, 0
Best Furniture Co., 7 - Appo. Baptist Temple, 0 (forfeit)
Lawson Ford, 19 - NAPA, 4
Amoco Car Wash, 7 - Appo. Baptist Temple, 0 (forfeit)
Best Furniture Co., 13 - Thomasville #1, 4
Hilltoppers, 7 - Thomasville #2, 0 (forfeit)

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Do you believe in Satan and his evil Power? No. Methodist 62%, Episcopal 37%, Baptist 33%, Lutherans 23%.
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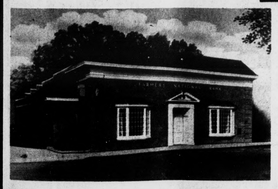

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